AN

## ACCOUNT

Of all the Considerable

## PAMPHLETS

That have been published on either Side

In the present

## CONTROVERSY.

BETWEEN

The Bishop of BANGOR, and Others,

To the End of the Year MDCCXVIII.

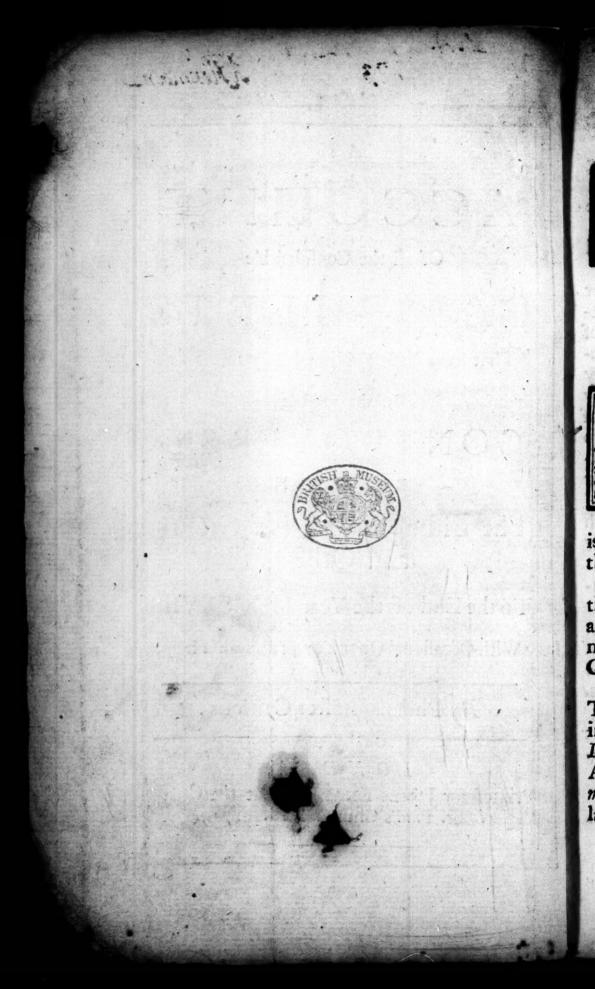
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Ccording to your Request, I here fend you a short Account of the principal Pamphlets which have been wrote on each Side in the Dispute now on Foot concerning Church-Authority, (which from the chief Person concerned in it

is called 'The Bangorian Controversy';) till

the End of the Year 1718.

It will be necessary to premise a brief Relation of the Occasion and Rise of this Dispute, and of such Pamphlets Preliminary to it, as are necessary to make the Collection you design

Compleat.

After which I shall give you in order the Titles of the Pamphlets occasioned by Dr. Snape's interpoling in the Controversy: Then of Mr. Law's Pamphlets, and the Answers to them: After that of the Representation of the Committee, and the Papers wrote thereupon: And lastly, of such other Pamphlets and Sermons as

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are in any degree Material, and do not naturally fall under any of the other Heads.

The occasion of this Dispute was the seizing

a confiderable Number of Copies of

1. A Collection of Papers written by the 'late R. R. George Hickes, D. D. 1716, In which the Church of England was charged with Herefy, Schism, Perjury and Treason.

These Papers were seized immediately after the ill Success of a Rebellion raised by the Joynt-Forces of Papists, Non-Jurors, and Church of England Men, who had sworn to the Government. Which Rebellion being not entirely quelled, but the Passions of the People still very much enslamed; the designed dispersing of those Papers could be with this only View, to inslame the People surther, to rekindle the expiring Rebellion, and to overturn both our State and Church.

This foon produced Defences of the Church from all Quarters: I shall mention but a few

of the most considerable.

Dr. Bennet was one of the first: His Pamphlet is entitled,

2. 'The Non-Juror's Separation from the

'Publick Assemblies of the Church of England examined, and proved to be

Schismatical upon their own Principles.

By Too. Bennet, D. D.

This was thought by many Unfatisfactory: There were several Replies to it. I need mention but one, viz.

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3. 'A Letter to Dr. Bennet, occasioned by 'his late Treatise concerning the Non-Ju'rors Separation, &c. By James Pierce,
'Nov. 13, 1716.

Next to Dr. Bennet's I place

4. 'A Vindication of the Realm and Church of England from the Charge of Perjury, 'Rebellion and Schism, unjustly laid upon them by the Non-Jurors: And the

Rebellion and Schism shewn to lie at their own Doors, 1716. Whate Asp

This is generally ascribed to a very great Hand; but, the incomparably better than Dr. Bennet's, was not such as the best Friends of the Government and Protestant Religion could rest satisfied with.

The Imperfections of it were attempted to

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5. 'The Layman's Letter to the Bishop of

Bangor, &c. 4to.

Dr. Kennet, the present Bishop of Peterborough on this Occasion wrote, not by way of a just Answer, but of Remarks on the Conduct of the Non-Jurors, two very valuable Letters, viz.

6. A second Letter to the Bishop of Carliste, upon the Subject of Bishop Merks,

Oct. 22, 1716: And

7. 'A third Letter to the Bishop of Carlisle, upon the Subject of Bishop Merks, wherein the Nomination—and Deprivation of English Prelates are shewed to have been originally constituted and governed by

the Sovereign Power of Kings and their

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'Parliaments: Against the Pretensions of our New Fanaticks, &c. Fan. 25,

4 1716-17.

The first Letter was wrote on occasion of a New Volume for the Pretender, entitled, 'The Hereditary Right of the Crown of England afferted', 08.28, 1713.

The first Piece that was wrote by way of just Answer, which gave Satisfaction to the Friends

of the Government, was

8. 'An Answer to the Non-Juror's Charge of Schism upon the Church of England,

1716.

Without any Name, but generally ascribed to Mr. Sykes, who about the same Time published

9. 'A Sermon preached at the Arch-Dea-'con's Visitation in Cambridge, on Dec. 13,

1716. Stating the Difference between the

'Kingdom of Christ, and the Kingdoms of this World, on John xviii. 36. By

Arthur Ashley Sykes, A. M.

These are all the Pamphlets I think necesfary to premise, before I come to

10. A Preservative against the Principles

'and Practices of the Non-Jurors both in

'Church and State: Or, an Appeal to the

Consciences and Common Sense of the Christian Laity. By Benjamin, Lord

Bishop of Bangor.

An Argument made use of by the Bishop of Bangor in this Preservative, to justify Deprivations

vations by the Civil Magistrate, was charged with a manifest Fallacy by another Writer against the Non-Jurors, in

11. 'A Defence of our Constitution in Church

'and State, or an Answer to the late

'Charge of the Non-Jurors accusing us of Heresy and Schism, Perjury and Trea-

fon: With an Appendix of several Pa-

pers, &c. By Nath. Marshall, L. L. B.

1717.

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i-15 Against which the Bishop's Argument was justified in

12. Some Remarks on Mr. Marshall's De-

fence of our Constitution in Church and State. With an Appendix containing a

brief Enquiry into the meaning of those

Words of the 20th Article—The Church

hath Authority in Matters of Faith. By

· Arthur Ashley Sykes, A. M.

I come next to the Bishop of Bangor's Famous Sermon, which has given occasion to the Controversy called by his Name, viz.

13. 'The Nature of the Kingdom or Church of Christ. A Sermon preached before

the King on March 31, 1717. By Ben-

' jamin, Lord Bishop of Bangor.

Upon the publishing this Sermon, it was immediately resolved to proceed both against the Preservative and That, in Convocation; as soon as it should meet. But in the mean Time something was to be done by way of Answer. This Task was undertaken by Dr. Snape, who in a short Time published

1. 'A Letter to the Bishop of Bangor, occa-'fioned by his Lordship's Sermon preached 'before the King. By Andrew Snape,

D. D.

The Town immediately swarmed with a great Number of Anonymous Pamphlets in answer to this. In a Pamphlet, entitled,

'The Rehearfal, or a Recapitulation of all or most of the Arguments for and against the Bishop of Bangor's Ser-

" mon '.

There are feven Answers to it reckoned up,

1. 'The Layman's fecond Letter to the Bi'shop of Bangor.

2. A Vindication of the Honour and Pre-

' rogative of Christ's Church.

3. An Answer to a Letter to the Bishop of Bangor: Written by one Andrew Snap,

4. ' A Letter to Dr. Andrew Snape.

5. 'A Letter to Dr. Snape: By a Layman of Honour and Conscience.

6. A Rod for the Eaton Schoolmaster's Back.

7. A Letter to the Scholars of Eton.

After some Time was published

II. 'An Answer to the Reverend Dr. Snape's

Letter to the Bishop of Bangor. By

Benjamin, Lcr. Bishop of Bangor.

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Mr. Law's Letter in Answer to this I now pass over, because I shall give an Account of his Share in the Controversy by it self by and by.

This Answer of the Bishop's occasioned two scurrilous Pamphlets against Him, besides the

Dr's fecond Letter, viz.

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III. 1. 'Remarks upon the Bishop of Ban-'gor's Treatment of the Clergy and Con-

'vocation. By a Gentleman.

This is generally agreed to be Dr. Sherlock's. It was animadverted on in two Pamphlets of Mr. Prat, and Mr. Sykes, which will be mentioned hereafter. (N°. IX, and under the Head of the Convocation, N°. XXIV.)

IV. 2. 'The Real Nature of the Church or

- Kingdom of Christ. A Sermon preach-
- ed May 19, 1717. In Answer to the Bi-
- fhop of Banger's Sermon on the same Text. With a Postscript in Answer to
- 'His Lordship's Letter to Dr. Snape. By

' Fos. Trapp, M. A.'

This Last was answered in

V. 'A Letter to the Reverend Mr. Trapp,

occasioned by his Sermon. By Gilbert

Burnet, M. A.

Dr. Snape himself replied in

VI. ' A second Letter to the Lord Bishop of

Bangor, in Vindication of the former.

By Andrew Snape, D. D. Jun. 28.

' 1717.'

The feveral Answers to this, were

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VII. 'Remarks on the Reverend Dr. Snape's 'fecond Letter to the Bishop of Bangor:

With some Reflections on Dr. Sherlock's

'Answer to a Letter, &c. Will few for 1717 VIII. 'Farther Remarks on the Reverend

'Dr. Snape's second Letter to the Bishop

of Bangor: Shewing, That his Lordhip's Sermon hath advanced no New

'Doctrine, particularly in relation to the proper Sanctions of Christ's Laws; but

that the same has been before taught by

'Mr. Mede, Mr. Hales, D. Barrow, Archbishop Tillotson, Bishop Blackhall, Dr.

Sydal, Dr. Sherlock, &c. with an Appen-

'dix in Answer to Mr. Law's \* Letter.
'By the Author of the former Re-

" marks." ym Newton 1717.

I am informed that the ingenious Author of these Remarks was then a Tradesman, and has since taken Orders.

IX. 'An Answer to Dr. Snape's second Let-

ter: With occasional Observations on

three other the most celebrated Treatises

'against his Lordship, viz. Dr. Sherlock's, 'Mr. Law's, † and the Remarks. By

Daniel Prat, M. A.

X. 'An Answer to Dr. Snape's second Letter

to the Bishop of Bangor. By Daniel

' Whitby, D. D. 1717.'

† See infra under Mr. Law.

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<sup>\*</sup> See infra under the Head of the Convocation:

Dr. Whithy has also published since this Let-

XI. 'A Defence of the Propositions contained in the Bishop of Bangor's Sermon

from pag. 11. to pag. 17. And also of

what is faid in his Preservative concern-

ing Real Sincerity, and our Title to the

Favour of God. By Daniel Whitby,

D. D.

Besides these, see Mr. Sykes's second and third Letters to Dr. Sherlock, No. IV. and VI. under the Head of the Convocation.

Dr. Snape, pag. 40. of his Second Letter, having charged the Bishop of Bangor with calling God to Witness to a solemn Falshood. and engaging that a Person of unquestionable Veracity, of as high and facred a Station as his Lordship, would be answerable for the Proof of it; this laid the Bishop of Bangor under a Necessity of declaring his Innocence, and vindicating himself from an Accusation of so high a Nature, in the most publick Manner he could. And therefore the very Day of the Publication of Dr. Snape's second Letter, viz. June 28, 1717. His Lordship in the Daily Courant, called upon the Dr. either to make publick Reparation for fo uncommon an Injury, or to produce immediately his Evidence. Dr. Snape in the Post-Boy of June 29, named the Bishop of Carlifle. And in the Evening-Posts of June 29, the Bishop of Bangor called upon the Bishop of Carlifle for the Proof of that Load of Infamy, with which He had furnished his Adverfary.

versary. The Bishop of Carlisle at length named Dr. Kennet for his Evidence: Dr. Kennet in The Courant denied in the most serious Manner what the Bishop of Carlisle affirmed Him to have said. At last, after this Matter had been for some Time transacted in the Daily Papers, was published

XII. 'A Collection of Papers scattered late-

'ly about the Town in the Daily Courant,
'&c. with some Remarks upon them.

'In a Letter from the Bishop of Carlisle to the Bishop of Bangor, July 5, 1717.'

Dr. Kennet, besides his Letters in the Daily Papers, published a Vindication of Himself in Dr. Snape instructed, &c. which will be mentioned by and by, (N°. XIX.) The Bishop of Carlisle's Paper was remarked on in

XIII. 'The Layman's Thoughts on the

'Treatment of the Bishop of Bangor, in a Letter from the Bishop of Carlisle, &c.'

About the same Time was published a Pamphlet, entitled,

XIV. 'All the Advertisements and Letters

by the Lord Bishop of Bangor, Dr. Snape, Lord Bishop of Carlisle, Dr. Ken-

e net, &c. as they were inserted in the publick Prints. To which is added a

compleat Catalogue of all the Sermons

and Pamphlets for and against the Bishop

of Bangor's Sermon, in the Order they

were published.

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There are a great Number of Pamphlets in this Catalogue, which I have taken no Notice of, because I design only an Account of those which are confiderable: To fend you a Catalogue of all that have been printed, the inconsiderable as well as the considerable, would be almost infinite; as may appear from their being in this Catalogue, which reaches no farther than to July 1717, seventy four Pamphlets reckoned up, near thirty of which are not taken Notice of in this Account.

Besides this gross Calumny, Dr. Snape had also inserted another Calumny in his second Letter, pag. 66 and 67, reflecting on his Lord-Thip for learning his evafive and equivocal Way of Writing from a Jesuit He kept in his Family, as his intimate Companion and Confident: who, He supposed, helped him to a mental Refervation to justify a solemn Appeal to God in a Lie. This scandalous and malicious Calumny was exposed in

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XV. 'An Answer to Dr. Snape's Accusation.

By Francis de la Pilloniere, formerly a Jesuit, now living with the Bishop of

- Bangor: Giving an Account of his Behaviour among the Jesuits, his turning
- ' Protestant, leaving France, and Conduct ' fince that Time; to which is added an
- · Appendix of Letters from Jesuits, &c. With a Preface by the Lord Bishop of

Bangor. 1717.

To this Dr. Snape replied in

XVI. A Vindication of a Passage in Dr.

'Snape's fecond Letter to the Bishop of

Bangor, relating to Mr. Pillonniere. By

' Andrew Snape, D. D. 1717.'

Soon after which was published, (as Mr. Pillonniere guesses) by Dr. Snape's Direction

XVII. 'Mr. Pillonniere's Preface, Notes and 'Additions to his French Translation of

Sir Richard Steel's Epistle Dedicatory to

Pope Clement XI. &c. Done into English

with some short Remarks."

which are very angry and virulent both against the Bishop of Bangor, and Mr. Pilonniere: Upon whom New Injuries being thus heaped (instead of Satisfaction made for the former ones) supported by the Evidence of Mr. Mills, School-Master of Croydon, with whom Mr. P. had some Time lived, He was forced to publish a second Vindication, entitled,

'XVIII. 'A Reply to Dr. Snape's Vindi-

'cation, &c. wherein a full Answer is also given to Mr. Mills, and all his other

Evidences. By F. de la Pillonniere. To

which is prefixed a Letter to Dr. Snape,

by the Lord Bishop of Bangor 1718.

Dr. Snape's Vindication was also considered in

XIX. Dr. Snape instructed in some Matters,

'especially relating to Convocations and Converts from Popery. By a Member

of the Convocation white Lennet. B.D.

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This is the Pamphlet of Dr. Kennet, which I above referred to, as containing a Vindication of Himself against the Bishop of Carlisle.

Dr. Snape having called upon the Dissenters, pag. 50, of his Vindication to take his Part against Mr. Pillonniere, occasioned the publish-

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XX. 'The Dissenter's Reasons for not writing in the Behalf of Persecution: Designed for the Satisfaction of Dr. Snape, in a Letter

'to Him, by James Pierce.' And XXI. 'A Sermon preaced at Founder's-Hall,

Nov. 5, 1717. containing some brief Remarks on some Passages in Dr. Snape's

late Vindication. By John Cumming,

M. A. Minister of the Scot's-Church in

London?

In Answer to Mr. Pillonniere's second Defence of Himself, was published

XXII. 'A full Answer to Mr. Pillonniere's 'Reply to Dr. Snape, and to the Bishop

of Bangor's Preface, as far as it relates to Mr. Mills. In which the Evidences

'given to Dr. Snape are justified, the Bi-'shop of Bangor's Objections answered.

'Mr. Pillonniere's pretended Facts difproved, and base Forgery is detected.

As likewise the true Reasons of such malicious Dissenters Proceedings against

Mr. Mills. The Whole supported by

ample Testimonies of Gentlemen, Clergy, and many Others. In a Letter to the

Lord Bishop of Bangor, by M. Mills,

M. A:

'M. A. To which is prefixed a Letter to

' his Lordship, by Dr. Snape.'

One Monsieur Rouire, a French Refugee, had furnished Dr. Snape with Scandal against Mr. Pillonniere. His having done so, He afterwards in the most solemn Manner denied to the

Bishop of Bangor, and Mr. Pillonniere.

But now again foon after the Publication of Mr. Mills's Book, he in Publick declares that folemn Denial to have been a folemn Lie, and re-afferts the Truth of the Scandal, for the Falshood of which He had before called God to witness. This occasioned another Dispute in the Daily Papers, which was of no Moment at all to the Controversy, but entirely Personal between Mr. Pillonniere, and Mr. Rouire. The Dispute, such as it was, was fairly stated, and fully decided, (so that I suppose an entire End is put to it) in

XXIII. 'A third Defence, containing, I. A 'Reply to Dr. Snape's and Mr. Mills's new

'Calumnies. II. A faithful Account of Mr. Rouire's Conduct. III. A Postfcript

'in Answer to Mr. Dubourdieu's Calumnies.

By Francis de la Pillonniere. To which

are prefixed some sew Remarks on Dr.

'Snape's Letter before Mr. Mills's Book.

' By the Bishop of Bangor.'

Thus ended this Dispute as far as Dr. Snape is concerned in it. What his Conduct in it has been is notorious, and the Sentiments of the World thereupon are well known. I shall mention only two more Pamphlets wrote against Him, viz. XXIV. A

XXIV. 'A Letter to Dr. Snape, wherein

the Authority of the Christian Priest-

'hood is maintained; the uninterrupted 'Succession of Bishops from the Apostles

Days is lineally deduced, and the Cavils

of Hereticks and Fanaticks are answered.

'By a Curate of Wilts.'

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XXV. 'A Congratulatory Letter from the 'Pope to Dr. Snape. By the Author of

'Protestant Popery \*.'

While Mr. Pillonniere was thus the Object of the Rage of Dr. Snape, and his Party, he was also attacked from another Quarter, his Countrymen the French Refugees. Mr. J. Armand Dubourdieu, (who had for some Time taken the opposite Side to Dr. Snape,) published a Book (in Answer to one wrote about a private Quarrel among themselves, by one Monfieur Malard, complaining of hard Ulage) entitled. "An Appeal to the English Nation,' &c. in which Mr. Pillonniere is plentifully abused for being compassionate to a poor unfortunate Man, Mr. Dubourdieu's Adversary. To this Mr. Pillonniere replied in his third Defence; (fee No. XXIII;) and was obliged to complain of one Mr. Lions, who had acted the Part of a false Friend by him, and was now become a false Accuser.

Mr. Lions with great Warmth replied to him in

<sup>\*</sup> See infra under the Head of the Convocation, No. XLI.

XXVI. 'L'Ex-Jesuit Demasqué, ou Reponse de Mr. Lions, a Monsieur Pillonniere?

The Answer to which, see No. XXXII.

Besides these, Mr. Pillonniere had a great while before been attacked by the late Reverend Monsieur Graverol in

XXVII. ' Defense de la Religion Reformée,

de ses Pasteurs & de ses Synodes contre le Nouveau Traducteur de la Lettre de

'Mr. le Chev'. Steel, au Pape Clement XI.

Par. 7. G. 1717.

To which Mr. Pillonniere replied in

XXVIII. Defense des Principes de la Tole-

' rance, ou l'on examine le fait de Servet, 'l'autorité des Confessions de Foi, &c. Par

. Mr. de la Pillonniere.

Mr. Graverol was also answered by Mr. Du-

XXIX. 'L'Abus des Confessions de Foi,

Upon the Publication of this Piece, the Bifhop of London fent a Circular Letter (see N°. XXXIII.) to the French Ministers to forbid Mr. Durette their Pulpits: Which upon Mr. Durette's subscribing a certain Paper to explain his Meaning, was recalled by a second. There was also a Reply made to Him, entitled,

XXX. L'Utilité & Necessité des Confessions

' de Foi. Par Mr. de la Mothe?

Convocation, No XIA.

EXVI. SEE

This Answer, and the Bishop of London's taking Notice of Mr. Durette's Book, occasioned his publishing a Vindication, entitled,

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XXXI. 'Appel a Mess. les François Refugiez,

dans lequel les Principes du petit Essay, intitulé, l'Abus des Confessions de Foi

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Mr. Durette's Behaviour while under the Bishop of London's Censure, and some Misunderstanding between Mr. Pillonniere and Him, relating to his Desence of his Essay, occasioned Mr. Pillonniere to publish

XXXII. 'A Translation of Mr. Durette's

'Treatife concerning the Abuse of Confessions of Faith: With an Account of Mr.

· Durette's Conduct before and fince the

Bishop of London's Censure of his Book:

And some Observations on his Appeal to the Refugees compared with Mr. de la

Mothe's Book. And a short Answer to

the Reverend Mr. Lion's late Reply (see

'No. XXVI. By Francis de la Pillon-

" niere?

The Behaviour of the Refugees to Mr. Pillonniere, in this Controversy and others, who differed from them, occasioned the publishing, what is the last Pamphlet I shall mention under this Head, viz.

XXXIII. ' An Account of the cruel Perfecu-

tions raised by the French Clergy since

their taking Sanctuary here, against seve-

ral worthy Ministers, &c. dissenting

from their Calvinistical Schemes, shew-

ing also the groseness of their daily Ca-

'lumnies against Mr. de la Pillonniere;

' and containing a Detection of Fraud in

the Distribution of the Royal Bounty.

'In answer to some private Letters of Mr. de la Chapelle. By Claudius Rey, a French

'Layman.'

In an Appendix to this Book, is the Bishop of London's Circular Letter against Mr. Durette, with some Remarks upon it (see above in N?. XXIX.)

I come now to give an Account of Mr. Law's Share in this Controversy. He began it with

I. 'The Bishop of Bangor's late Sermon, and his Letter to Dr. Snape in Defence

of it, answered, and the dangerous Nature of some Doctrines in his Preserva-

tive set forth. In a Letter to his Lord-

'ship. By W. Law, M. A.'

Besides the Answers to this, (abovementioned under the former Head, N°. VIII and IX.) by the Remarker on Dr. Snape's second Letter, and Mr. Pratt, there were three others, viz.

II. 1. 'An Answer to Mr. Law's Letter to the Lord Bishop of Bangor: By Gilbert

Burnet, M. A.

III. 2. 'The Grounds of Civil and Ecclesia-'stical Government briefly considered:

With a Defence of the Bishop of Bangor, against the Objections of Mr. Law: By

' Junn Jackson, Rector of Roffington.'

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IV. 3. 'A Vindication of the Bishop of Bangor, wherein is considered the true

'Notion of Religious Sincerity, &c. In answer to the Exceptions of Mr. Law.

' By Tho. Pyle, M. A.'

Instead of any direct Reply to these Answers, Mr. Law published

V. ' A second Letter to the Bishop of Ban-

'gor, wherein his Lordship's Notions of Benediction, Absolution, and Church-

'Communion are proved to be destructive

of every Institution of the Christian Re-

ligion. With a Postscript in Answer to

gainst his former Letter. By Will. Law,

4 M. A.

To this there were also three several Answers,

VI. 1. ' A fecond Vindication of the Lord

' Bishop of Bangor, in Answer to Mr. Law's

fecond Letter, wherein his Notions of

Benediction, Absolution, and Church-

Communion are proved to be defiructive

of the whole Christian Religion, and

contrary to common Sense, &c. By Tho.

Pile, M. A.

VII. 2. The false Notion of a Christian Priest-

' hood, and the Pretences to facerdotal Ob-

lation, Intercession, Benediction, and

authoritative Absolution examined and

confuted: Being an Answer to Mr. Law's

' fecond Letter to the Bishop of Bangor.

· By Phileleutherus Cantabrigiensis. Jan. 25.

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When this Controversy was gone thus far, Dr. Sherlock in his 'Condition and Example of our Saviour vindicated, pag. 62. reproached the Bishop of Bangor for not having 'answered 'Mr. Law's two Letters; a Writer so conside-'rable (fays he) that I know but ONE good Reason why his Lordship DOES NOT answer 'Him.' The Bishop in Answer offered to undertake that Task, if Dr. Sherlock would make Mr. Law's Tenets his own; but else thought it unnecessary, 'because there had been Three excellent Answers written to his first Letter, to the Particulars of which Mr. Law had not ' thought fit to make any Reply: And there ' had been Two published to his second Letter, and a Third a coming from some of the ablest ' Hands he knew of?' The Third shortly after published was,

VIII. 3. 'A full Examination of several im'portant Points relating to Church-Autho'rity, the Christian Priesthood, the Posi'tive Institutions of the Christian Religion
'and Church-Communion. In Answer
'to the Notions and Principles contained
'in Mr. Law's second Letter to the Bishop
'of Bangor. In a second Letter to Mr.
'Law; with a Postscript, wherein his
'evasive Answers to former Objections

'are considered. By Gilbert Burnet, 'M. A.'

This excellent Piece has, I believe, put an End to this Part of the Controversy. Mr. Law has not thought fit to make any Answer; but instead

instead thereof is running away to another Matter. There has been for some Time advertised, 'A Reply to the Bishop of Bangor's 'Answer to the Representation,' by Him to be published by Subscription. And the following right zealous and orthodox Divines of the Church of England, Dr. Pelling, Dr. Fiddes, Dr. Astry, and Mr. Thorold, have charitably taken the Trouble of solliciting and receiving Subscriptions for this Great Nonjuring Defender of the Rights of the Clergy.

As Mr. Law has not himself taken any Notice of either of the six Answers made to his Letters; so neither has any Body for him, except one P. F. who has to very little Purpose

published

IX. 'A Letter to the Reverend Mr. Pyle, occasioned by his Exceptions against Mr.

'Law's first Letter: With a Postscript, in 'Answer to Mr. Pyle's Challenge' [in his Answer to Mr. Law's second Letter.] 'By P. F. Minister of the Church of Eng-

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One of the Answerers of Mr. Law, who calls himself Phileleutherus Cantabrigiensis has since published The. Hearnes of it 1710

X. 'Three Discourses: One, a Desence of private Judgment; The second, against the Authority of the Magistrate over

'Conscience; The third, some Considerations concerning the uniting of Prote-

flants. The Two first translated from

the Latin, the third from the French of

Dr. Samuel Werenfels, Professor of Divinity in the University of Bale, in Swit-

'zerland: With a Prefatory Epitheto the

'Reverend Dr. Tenison, giving an Account of the occasion of Translating them, and

their Use in the Bishop of B—'s Con-

troversy, By Phileleutherus Cantabrigion ensis? Ro. Hearne 06 1720

The Judgment of so judicious a Divine as Dr. Werenfels, in Discourses wrote by him not by way of Controversy, and therefore the less liable to be suspected of Prejudice, ought to be of great Weight in the Controversy: And hi Reasons to be carefully attended to. but think the translating these Discourses was very proper and seasonable, and if they be ge nerally read, may be of great Use. We have here the Judgment of an impartial Person, nei ther concerned in the Controversy, nor any way attached personally to any of those con cerned in it. I should be pleased with more Translations of this fort: One is expected short ly, of an excellent Treatife of the Great Pa fendorf,

De Habitu Religionis Christianæ ad Vitan 'Civilem: Or, of the Relation between

the Church and the State. There is now a in the profAn Ellay on imposing and subscribing Arti

cles of Religion, with a Postscript re lating to the French Clergy. In a Lette to Phileleutherus Oxonienis, by Phileleu

therus Cantabrigiensis? The Hearne.

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I come now to the fourth Head, under which I proposed to Rank the Pamphlets wrote in this Controversy, viz. such as were occasioned by

f. A Report of the Committee of the Lower House of Convocation, &c. concerning several dangerous Positions and Doctrines contained in the Bishop of Bangor's Preservative, and his Sermon. Read in the Lower House, May 10, 1717.

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Rochester,
Dr. Davies, Proct. Chapter, St. Asaph,
Mr. Barrell, Proct. Chapter, Nochester,
Dr. Friend,
Dr. Bisse, Proct. Clergy, Hereford,
Dr. Dawson,

The first of them, whom this Report engaged in Controversy, was Dr. Sherlock: Which was occasioned by

II. A Letter to the Reverend Dr. Sherlock, one of the Committee, &c. comparing the dangerous Politions and Doctrines

contained in the Doctor's Sermon preach-

ed Nov. 5, 1712. with those charged upon the Bishop of Bangor in the late

Report.

The plain Self-contradiction which this Pamphlet shewed the Doctor had been guilty of, made the World wait with Impatience to see how he would behave himself under the Charge, to which he replied in

III. 'An Answer to a Letter sent to Dr. Sher-

'lock, relating to his Sermon preached before the Lord-Mayor, Nov. 5. 1712.

'To which are added some Observations upon the Account the Bishop of Bangor

'has given of his intended Answer to the Representation. By Tho. Sherlock, D. D.

Dean of Chichester. This was replied to in

IV. ' A second Letter to Dr. Sherlock, being

'a Reply to his Answer, proving the Do-'Arines maintained in his Sermon to be

the same with those charged upon the

Bishop of Bangor. With an Appendix re-

' lating to a Passage, or two in Dr. Snape's 's fecond Letter. By Arthur Ashley Sykes,

M. A. To which is added a Postscript

to the Reverend Dr. Sherlock, Dean of

'Chichester. By Benjamin, Lord Bishop of Bangor.'

Dr. Sherlock, being thus got into the Dispute,

and entangled, was forced to go on in

V. Some Confiderations occasioned by a Postscript from the Right Reverend the Lord

Lord Bishop of Bangor to the Dean of Chichester, offered to his Lordship. By

' Tho. Sherlock, D. D.'

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VI. ' A Third Letter to Dr. Sherlock, being

an Answer to his Considerations: With an Appendix in Vindication of a Passage,

in a former Letter, against Dr. Snaje.

By Arthur Ashley Sykes, M. A.

The Two abovementioned Pamphlets of Dr. Sherlock drew upon him a very Ingenious Pen, who with an equal mixture of Wit and good Sense, exposed his manifold Contradictions, and ridiculed his Affectation of Wit in

VII. 1. 'Remarks on Dr. Sherlock's Answer

' to Mr. Sykes.' And Jabez Hughes

VIII. 2. 'Remarks on Dr. Sherlock's Consi-

derations offered to the Lord Bishop of

Bangor? Tabez Hughes.

His Inconsistency was also well exposed in

IX. A Dialogue between Dr. Sherlock, Dean

of Chichester, and Dr. Sherlock, Master of the Temple. Published from original.

Words. Being a Justification of Mr.

Sykes's Charge, and a full Reply to what

the Dean of Chichester has offered to re-

concile Himself unto Himself. By Charles

' Norris, M. A.'

The same Person has since published another Pamphlet, entitled,

X. 'The Reconciler of the Bangorian Controversy. By Charles Norris, M. A.' We thus see Dr. Sherlock engaged in Desence of the Report, which he is supposed to have been chiefly concerned in drawing up. The next of the Committee Men, who undertook it's Desence, is supposed to be Dr. M—ss, in a Pamphlet, entitled,

XI. 'The Report vindicated from Mif-re-

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ports: Being a Defence of my Lords the Bishops, as well as the Clergy of the

'Lower-House of Convocation, in a Letter from a Member of that House to the

'Prolocutor, concerning their late Confultations about the Bishop of Bangor's Wri-

tings. With a Postscript containing some

' few Remarks upon the Letter to Dr. Sherlock, June 8, 1717. Lower mass, 8.8.

It begins thus, 'Mr. Prol. Want of timely Notice must be my Excuse for Non-attendance on May the 10th, &c.' This was designed, 1. To prevent Suspicion of Dr. M—'s being the Author. 2. To infinuate that the Prolocutor had not taken Care to muster all his Forces against the Bishop of Bangor, to make the Blow as sudden and effectual as he could (which I fear he was too justly charged with,) but that there were some of his own Party who had not timely Notice.

I have now brought the Controversy down

to

XII. 'An Answer to the Representation

drawn up by the Committee of the Lower-House of Convocation, concern-

ing several dangerous Positions and Do-

Atrines contained in the Bishop of Bangor's Preservative and Sermon. By Ben-

jamin, Lord Bishop of Bangor.

The first Defence of the Convocation, published after this Answer was

XIII. 'The Prolocutor's Answer to a Letter

from a Member of the Lower House of

Convocation, entitled, the Report vin-

dicated from Misseports Get Starkope, U.D. To this were added in a Postscript, 'Some

Thoughts on the Bishop of Bangor's Sermon

in five Queries, which occasioned

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XIV. An Answer to the five important

'Queries contained in Mr. Prolocutor's

' Postscript, with some fresh Queries hum-

bly offered to the Reverend Prolocutor

' himself, relating to the Lord Bishop of

Bangor, and the Committee. By a Divine

of the Church of England.

This Pamphlet of the Prolocutor's was anfwered in

XV. Short Remarks on a Letter from the

Reverend the Prolocutor to a Reverend

' Member of the late Committee. In a Let-

ter to the Prolocutor, Feb. 18. 1717-18.

I proceed now to the Replies of three of the Committee-Men, to the Bishop's Answer to the Representation, viz.

XVI. 1. 'A Vindication of the Proceedings

of the Lower House of Convocation,

with regard to the King's Supremacy:

And some Thoughts concerning Religion;

with the occasion of their being made Publick. 'Publick. And a Postscript to the Lord Bishop of Bangor; by Robert Cannon,

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This occasioned

XVII. 'An Exposition of the Thirty-fourth 'Article of Religion, of the Traditions of 'the Church; referred to in the Report,

by a Clergyman of the Church of Eng-

To which is prefixed a Dedication to Dr. Cannon, Jan. 13. 1717-18. Next to Dr. Camou comes

XVIII, 2. 'Suspiria Sacra: Or the Church of England's Memorial: With an Admonition to Jesuits, and their Patrons, ex-

'tracted out of the Statute Law. Dedicated to his Grace the Lord Archbishop

of Canterbury, in the Absence of the Convocation. By Thomas Dawson, D.D.

The same worthy Writer has since published

another scurrilous Piece, entitled,

XIX. 'An Introduction to the Bishop of 'Bangor's intended Collection of Autho-

'rities: With a Letter from Sion-Colledge,
'A. D. 1645. Recommended in a Prefa-

tory Epistle to the Consideration of his Lordship, Mr. Pillonniere and Mr. To-

'land. By a Member of the late Com-'mittee.' Thomas Saw fon D.P.

The Preface is very scandalous. The Book contains 'A Discourse concerning Conscience, 'by W. Birchley, an Independent in 1652.' And 'A Letter from the Presbyterian Divines

of London, met at Sion-Colledge, to the Affembly of Divines at Westminster 1645, against
Toleration. I would indeed (tho' I know
the Doctor will not agree with me) make this
use of this Piece's being Re-printed; viz. to
advise the Presbyterians at present, in as formal
and publick a Manner to renounce the Principles
of Intolerance desended in it, as their Forestathers maintained them: And one Reason why
I would advise them to this, is, because I know
it would grieve the Doctor to Heart.

The Two last named Vindications of the Committee against the Bishop's Answer to the Representation, by Dr. Cannon and Dr. Dawson, were very well answered in two Letters in

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XX. 'Occasional Paper. Vol. II. No. XI.'

There are several other of these Occasional Papers, which I might have mentioned as a propos in this Controversy, such as 'An Essay' on Reputation;' Another 'On the Pride of 'Authors;' a Third 'On Retractations, &c.' But these I designedly omitted, because I would recommend to You the reading of them all, which I am sure you will not repent. They make a necessary Part of a Collection of this Controversy.

Give me leave here to digress to take Notice, that whoever will take the Pains to compare pag. 33, 37. of Dr. Dawson's Preface to his Introduction, &c. with the Freeholder extraordinary, N°. XV. will easily see that That Paper is the Doctor's. Which I mention here, because

in some of our Daily Papers, at the Time of publishing that Freeholder, was inserted an Advertisement to this Purpose; that 'Whereas the Bishop of Bangor had charged the Bishop of Carlifle with furnishing an Adversary with ' a Load of personal Infamy, to ruin his good Name hitherto untouched by the most zealous of all his Enemies; This was to advertise the World, that they might fee the Bishop of · Carlifle acquitted of that Charge in express Words by the Bishop of Bangor himself in the Freeholder Extraordinary, No. XV.' This is done by quoting a Passage, out of one of the Bishop of Bangor's Books wrote in 1706, in which he complains of a Load of Infamy he had experienced, and prays God to forgive those who have been so free as even to call in question his Honesty. Now, as I believe no Man in England, but Dr. Dawfon, could have feen how this acquits the Bishop of Carlisle nor have been at a Loss to fee how a Man may be abused a Thousand times, and yet, i he is evidently Innocent, his good Name b untouched and unsullied: So, (had I no other Reason,) I should have guessed that he wa the mean Contriver of the low Artifice of the Advertisement, because it is so like his other Writings.

But I proceed to the third Reply to the B

shop's Answer to the Committee, viz.

XXI. ' A Vindication of the Corporation an Test Acts: In Answer to the Bishop

Bangor's Reasons for the Repeal of them

To which is added a fecond Part concern-

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A very artful and scandalous Calumny in the last Page of this Book, caused the Bishop of Bangor immediately to publish

XXII. 'An Answer to a Calumny cast upon

'the Bishop of Bangor by the Reverend Dr. Sherlock, at the Conclusion of his

new Book, entitled, A Vindication of the

Corporation and Test Acts. By Benja-

min, Lord Bishop of Bangor?

To this the Dean answered in a Pamphlet, entitled,

XXIII. 'The Condition and Example of our

Bleffed Saviour vindicated, in Answer to

'the Bishop of Bangor's Charge of Ca-

· lumny against the Dean of Chichester,

By Tho. Sherlock, D. D.

The Bishop replied in

XXIV. 'An Answer to a late Book written

by Dr. Sherlock, entitled, The Condition

and Example of our Bleffed Saviour vin-

' dicated, &c. By Benjamin, Lord Bishop

of Bangor.'

And about the same Time Mr. Sykes published

XXV. 'The Dean of Chichester's Conduct

considered in his Remarks see under the

'Head of Snape, No. III.] his Vindication

of the Corporation and Test Acts; And

'The Condition and Example of our Bleffed

Lord vindicated. By A. A. Sykes, M. A. In

In Answer to both these the Dean published

XXVI. 'The Lord Bishop of Bangor's De-

fence of his Affertion, viz. that the Ex-

arly fit to be urged to Slaves than to Sub-

igets, confidered. By Thomas Sherlock,

' D. D.'

This was replied to by Mr. Sykes in

XXVII. A Fourth Letter to the Reverend

Dr. Sherlock: Being an Answer to his late Book, entitled, "The Lord Bishop of

" Bangor's Defence of his Affertion confi-

" dered. By A. A. Sykes, M. A."

Which I supposed may have concluded this Digression in the Controversy; With relation to which, I cannot forbear adding the Quotation from Mr. Hooker, inserted in Mr. Sykes's Title Page.

'So easy is it for every Man living to Err,

and so hard to wrest from any Man's Mouth the plain Acknowledgment of Er-

ror, that what hath been once inconside-

rately defended, the same is commonly

' persisted in, as long as Wit by whetting

it felf is able to find out any shift, be it

never fo flight, whereby to escape out of

the Hands of present Contradiction. So that it cometh herein to pass with Men

unadrisedly fallen into Error, as it doth

with those, whose State hath no Ground

to uphold it, but only the Help which by

fubtle Conveyance they draw out of ca-

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'fual Events arising from Day to Day, 'till at length they be clean spent.' B. 3.

But to return to the Controversy. Soon af ter Dr. Sherlock's Vindication of the Corporation and Test Acts, there was published a Pamphlet, entitled,

XXVIII. 'Reasons against repealing the Oc-

casional and Test Acts, and admitting the Differers to Places of Trust and

Power, &c. to which is added an An-

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They are Two Letters; one wrote Feb. 10. 1716, against the 6th Chap. of the State-Anatomy; the second, Jan. 2. 1717-18, against the Bishop of Bangor; by a Gentleman in Warwickshire, very heartily in the Interest of the Government.

About the same Time also was published

XXIX. 'The true Interest of the Whigs, 'with Relation to the Test Act, Jan.

4 1717-18.

It is supposed to be Mr. Pierce's, who a little Time after published

XXX. 'Some Reflections upon Dean Sher-'lock's Vindication of the Corporation and

' Test Acts. By James Prince.

The next Pamphlet was

'State, in order to the being truly Re-E 2 'ligious. ' ligious. In Answer to Part of Dr. Can-

' non's Thoughts concerning Religion:

'And to so much of Dr. Sherlock's Vindi-

cation of the Corporation and Test Acts,

'as relates to this Subject. By the Author of the Remarks on Dr. Snape's fecond

Letter.' Wm Newton

Having now given an Account of the Committee-Men's Defence of Themselves, I come to a zealous Defender of Them without Doors, Mr. Stebbing; who wrote the three following Pamphlets in their Defence.

XXXII. 1. ' A Defence of the first Head of

the Charge of the Committee against the

Bishop of Bangor, being Remarks upon

fome Positions of his Lordship, &c.

wherein is shewn that his Lordship hath

denied, and doth still deny all Authority to the Church. By Henry Stebbing,

" M. A.

XXXIII. 2. 'Remarks upon a Position of

the Lord Bishop of Bangor concerning

Religious Sincerity, wherein the Confequences of this Polition are fully stated,

and his Lordship's pretended Demonstra-

tion is shewn to be inconclusive. By H. S.

M. A. To which is prefixed a Preface by

'the Dean of Chichester.'

XXXIV. 3. 'Miscellaneous Observations;

or Remarks on some scattered Passages in

the Bishop of B-'s Answer to the Re-

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'Charge of the Committee. By H. S. 'M. A.'

These Three were answered in

XXXV. 'An Answer to Mr. Stebbing's Re-

- marks concerning Religious Sincerity and
- Church Authority. Being a further Vin-
- 'dication of the Lord Bishop of Bangor.
- With a Preface in Answer to that of the Reverend the Dean of Chichester. By

" Tho. Pyle, M. A.' And

- 'An Answer to Mr. Stebbing's Miscella-
  - ' neous Observations, &c. By Tho. Pyle.

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XXXVI. 'The common Rights of Subjects

- ' defended, and the Nature of the Sacra-
- 'mental Test considered: In Answer to
- the Dean of Chichester's Vindication of
  - 'the Corporation and Test Acts: By Ben-

'jamin, Lord Bishop of Bangor.'

Which I think I may fairly presume has put an End to so much of the Controversy as is concerned in it.

Having thus given an Account of what has been wrote in Defence of the Committee, and the several Replies thereto: I come now to give an Account of what has been done in Convocation in Favour of the Bishop of Bangor.

On the 14th of February 1717-18, being a Synodical Day, the Reverend Dr. Edward Tenison, Archdeacon of Caermarthen, protested in behalf of the King's Supremacy, and the Bishop's Protestant Doctrines, and soon after published

XXXVII. 'A Protestation made the 14th

Day of February 1717-18, in behalf of the King's Supremacy, and the Protestant

Doctrines afferted and maintained in the

'Lord Bishop of Bangor's Sermon. Together with what was said in the Lower

'House of Convocation, with relation to

' the faid Protestation, and other Matters

that are fit to be confidered; and what

would have been further faid, had not

the Prolocutor interrupted Dr. Tenison, while He was speaking, by reading the

'Schedule of Prorogation.'

This produced

'the Reverend Dr. Tenison, published A'pril the 3d.'

Which was answered April the 19th, in

XXXIX. 'A Letter to the Reverend the 'Prolocutor, being an Answer to a Letter

from the Prolocutor to Dr. Tenison. By a Gentleman of Cambridge? The Hearne

The same Person afterwards published another Letter, entitled,

XL. 'A Letter to the Reverend Dr. Tenison, 'concerning some Citations made from his 'Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury's

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Preliminary Discourse to the Apostolical

Fathers, in a Paper lately published, entitled, A Letter to the Prolocutor, &c.

By the Author of that Letter, June 7.

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I have thus gone thro' the Account of such Pamphlets, as the Convocation's attacking the Bishop of Bangor has occasioned. I hear Dr. Tenison has writ something more in Vindication of the Supremacy in a Tract, entitled, A Letter to the Reverend the Prolocutor: Being an Answer to that Part of his Letter that relates to the King's Supremacy.

XLI. ' Protestant Popery; or, the Convoca-

' tion, a Poem, in five Canto's.'

I proceed to the last Head, of certain Pamphlets and Sermons which are not reducible to any of the foregoing Heads, and yet such as I do not think fit to overlook in this Account.

- fion in those who take upon them to Preach the Gospel of Christ. Being a Sermon on Rom. x. 15. By the Author of the Clergyman's Companion in visiting the Sick.
- of Bishops and Pastors in Ecclesiastical Matters not inconsistent with the true Nature of Christ's Kingdom, in a Sermon preached June 16, 1717, on John xviii.

\* xviii. 36. occasioned by the Bishop of Bangor's on the same Text. By Benjamin

'Loveling, M.A.'

3. 'The absolute Authority of the Church in Matters relating to Conscience, and Men's Right of judging for themselve reconciled: After some Misunderstand ing occasioned by the Bishop of B—' Preservative and Sermon: In Two Di courses on June the 2d and 16th. By Alexander Innes, D. D.'

- 4. 'An Ordination Sermon at St. Paul.
  'June 16. By John Wright, M. A.'
- 5. 'God the Rewarder of them that dili 'gently feek him. A Sermon preache 'at St. James's Church, on Nov. 5, 1717 by Tho. Rundle, L. L. B.'
- 6. 'Mutual Charity the most perfect Bond of Christian Unity. A Sermon preached before the King, Jan. 5, 1717-18, by Tho. Hayley, D. D.
- 7. 'The Nature of Christian Union, and the Method of restoring it. A Sermon preached before the King, Jan. 19 1717-18, by Sam. Bradford, D. D.

[The two last Sermons occasioned a Pamphle reflecting on them, entitled,

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- 8. 'A Letter to Dr. Bradford, occasioned by 'his Sermon preached before the King.']
- 9. Universal Charity, the Bond of Christian 'Unity. A Sermon preached at Pinner's- 'Hall, March 9, 1717-18, by John Gale, 'M. A. and D. P.'
- ib. 'A Sermon preached at Worcester As-'sizes, April 6. 1718, by Abdias Taylor.'
- 'Sermon preached at St. James-Church on April 13. 1718, by Tho. Pyle, M. A.

Two Sermons on the 30th of January may be referred to this Controversy, viz.

- by the Right Reverend Edward, Lord Bishop of Coventry and Litchfield,
- 12. b. 'A Sermon preached before the Com-'mons: By John Hoaaly, D. D.'

Two Confectation Sermons, which have been fince printed, may be also referred to the Controversy, viz.

13. 'A Sermon preached at the Confectation of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, on Whit'funday 1718, by N. Chagett, M. A.'

4. ' A Sermon preached at the Confecration of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, on Nov. 9, 1718, by Edward Waddington,

. D. D.

And 15. 'A Sermon preached at Exeter, Sept. 9. 1718, at a Meeting of the united Ministers of Devon and Cornwall. By M. Huddy, which is a very remarkable Sermon.

There were also reprinted on occasion of this Controversy

16. 'The true Notion of Peace in the King-'dom or Church of Christ: Stated by the ' late eminent Dr. Whitchcot, in a Sermon 'preached by him on the Malignity of

· Popery, examined and corrected from his

own Notes, by John Jeffery, D.D.

17. ' A Discourse concerning the Authority of Men in the Kingdom of Christ. ing a Sermon preached in the Reign of King Charles II. By the late Reverend Dr. Hezekiah Burton, upon the Subject of calling no Man Master upon Earth 'First published by Archbishop Tillotson.'

18. 'The Church of England-Man's Reasons for his not making the Decisions of Ecdesignatical Synods the Rule of his Faith: \* Extracted from two Books of the Right

Reverend H. Ferne, Lord Bishop of Che-

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## Other Pamphlets are

19. 'A Letter from Truth to a Member of the Rose Club.'

20. 'Papifts not excluded from the Throne

on the account of Religion. Being a

Vindication of the Bishop of B-'s Pre-

fervative in that Particular. In a short

Dialogue. M My lechoood Bp of Ely

21. 'An Essay upon the Nature of a Church,

and the Extent of Ecclefiaftical Autho-

rity. By a Layman of the Church of

· England. Printed at York.

ters of Religion. 2 Edward Synge.

Said to be the Lord Archbishop of Tuam's.

To these I must not forget to add

23. Several Enquiries concerning Justification, &c. by Thomas Chubb.

Some of which, particularly That [the VIIIth] concerning the Unity of the Church, or Body of Christ, directly relate to this Controversy,

troversy, and are very well wrote. You know the Character of that very extraordinary Gencleman.

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There is now going to the Press a Sermon preached and censured at Oxford, entitled,

'The true Causes of the Contempt of Christian Ministers. A Sermon preached before the University of Oxford, at St. Mary's on Nov. 30. 1718. With a Presence in Vindication of it against the Censure passed upon it in the University. By Peter Maurice, M. A. Fellow of Jesus-

· College, Oxon?

This Sermon I hear was an ingenious one, but had not the good Fortune to please its Audience.

The Author was filenced for it, i. e. inhibited from preaching for the future within the Precincts of the University till he recanted it. The next Sanday after it was preached, I am informed he was reflected upon for it in the same Pulpit under the Name of That Bold Blaspheming Rabshekah, who lately made the Ears of this Orthodox Audience to tingle, &c. The Text is Tit. ii. 15. Let no Man despise thee.

Thus, Sir, you have such an Account as I am able to give you of the Bangorian Controversy to the End of the Year 1718. You did not

not expect that I should insert in my Account such Writers as Marsden, Cockburn, Sharp, &c. or that I should give you a compleat Catalogue of all the Pamphlets on either Side. 'Tis neither in my Power, nor would be of any Use to you to do this. But all that are of any Note on either Side, are inserted in the foregoing Account.

I need not tell you which Side has plainly had the Superiority in the Controversy. I believe you will be forry to find that the main Argument has been so clogged and retarded by Disputes purely Personal. It must be owned to have been a great Misfortune. The Enemies of the Religious Liberty that is now contending for, have partly had their End in it: For tho' they have not been able to fix any Difgrace on the unspotted Character of the most excellent Bishop, whose Reputation they have so inhumanly attacked; yet they have for a Time impeded the Course of Truth, which they are afraid to fee brought to Light; by diverting the great Maintainer of it to the necessary Defence of his own Good-Name, which after all the furious Attacks of impotent Malice and Revenge, stands still unshaken, and receives additional Security from the fuccessless Attempts of ruining it.

May he long continue to be an Honour and a Blessing to our Nation and our Church, which he has already so well defended and adorned.

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